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A Look Back at 2009

The past year brought new looks to our rooms, a pet cat, staff changes in many of our programs and debates about funding and a new home for us.



The staff was excited about having a third dryer to use, a

cover over the back door and new kitchenware.



Thanks to all of our friends, Christmas was a great time for the kids who were with us over the holidays.

2010 brings a renewed commitment to spotlight child abuse solutions in our community and expanding our pro-

gramming.

New Directions has Kim Pruitt onboard and served over 150 children in 8 schools with 65 in their summer program. Teen Court is growing each month with 40 teens involved during the past year.

We became partners with "Every Child Matters" and plan activities this fall to highlight the program.

Our shelter had an eight percent increase in intakes this past year with our number reaching 394.

Join Us for Springtime Fun

It's been a long hard winter and we are all looking for a break from the doldrums. The shelter has a number of activities planned for this spring and we would love for you to be a part of them.

First is our **YARD SALE** scheduled for **Saturday, April 24**. You can be involved by renting a table and selling those knick-knacks which are hiding in the basement. Show your support by shopping at this sale.

For **Ohio Valley Wrestling** fans we will be hosting a fundraiser evening on **Friday, May 14**. Please buy your tickets from us or take a block of tickets to sell to your friends! We will be selling concessions that evening in addition to receiving a part of the gate. This family friendly, \$5 per person event will cost more at the door so order your tickets early.

We are looking for volunteers for both of these events.

On the drawing board for **June** is a **Motorcycle Run**.

Details of this event will be highlighted in our Spring newsletter.

For details on these or any events or to volunteer, please contact:

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Valentines Ventures



The shelter residents again sent Valentines to the veterans in the VA hospital in Louisville. Thanks to Ann Carr and the American Legion Auxiliary 42, they also received an education on who a veteran is and why they are honored

A Letter from Leah

Leah Pezzarossi has been Executive Director of FCYSB since 2004

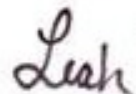
Dear Friends,

My first statement is one of thanks to all of you as well as the community at large. This was, by far, the most generosity the children here have experienced during holidays since I have been here. We had several children at the shelter who either had nowhere to go, or parents who did not have the means to fulfill Christmas wishes. We were able to check off everything on each child's wish list, and I cannot describe how satisfying an experience that was for me and the staff. In addition to each child receiving gifts, the shelter as a whole was the recipient of many wonderful gifts that all kids will get to enjoy now and into the future. We received over \$400 in McDonald's gift cards, were able to buy a Band Hero set, and received numerous board games for the kids. What was most amazing was how often these gifts came to us from someone stopping by unexpectedly. Floyd County has much for which to be proud, and our children have much for which to be grateful.

We've had a lot going on besides the holidays. Many of you may recall my letter about the state budget. Since then, IARCCA, a statewide organization of child serving agencies to which we belong, filed suit against the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS). DCS had informed service providers that various levels of cuts to their rates were to be implemented in 2010. Residential providers were slated for a four percent cut. There is still much ahead regarding the lawsuit, but I am pleased to report that a federal judge granted IARCCA's request for an injunction barring the cuts until the lawsuit is decided. As I stated in my previous letter, perhaps balancing the budget could occur by cutting something other than direct services to children.

There is more exciting news regarding our Teen Court program. We are looking to embark on a partnership with the New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation that will divert truant children to Teen Court. We hope the success rate of the Teen Court program will help to address a serious truancy problem. Also, if you know a child in middle or high school who would find volunteering for the program of interest, please have them call Alisha Farnsley or Robin Montgomery.

We've made some improvements around the shelter and owe some thanks to volunteers, Floyd County Community Corrections, and Rita Sasse, our Community Liaison for their efforts to help us keep our very old building looking as nice as possible. If you'd like to come take a look at some of our improvements, or if you've just never been here and would like a tour, I would be happy to oblige. Thank you, again, friends!



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Deanery "Faith in Action" Mural



Boots—the shelter cat



Carwash in the shelter parking lot



New Directions summer fieldtrip